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1. (Internal Use Only - JGO) After checking with Mr. John Unumb and Mr. Arthur Rosen, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State, I called Mr. Gerard Schiappa, Administrative Assistant to Representative Louis Wyman (R., N.H.), in response to his letter of 18 February 1972. I told Mr. Schiappa that we do not copy TV newscast in the States nor does the Department of State and that it was the Department of State's suggestion that the principal source for copies of network TV newscast would be the particular network. I suggested also that he might want to check the Public Affairs Office, Department of Defense, to see whether they might have a copy for their overseas program. Mr. Schiappa thanked me for the call and the DOD suggestion. He also indicated no further response to Representative Wyman's letter is necessary.

2. (Confidential - JGO) Met separately with Messrs. Frank Slatinshek and John Ford, House Armed Services Committee staff, and discussed with them the blind memorandum of 23 February, "Moscow's View of Force Reductions in Europe." This memorandum is in response to Mr. Slatinshek's request of Friday as a followup to the question raised by Representative Randall (D., Mo.) after the Director's briefing of 8 February. 25X1

4. (Confidential - JGO) I talked to Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that the "meeting" with Chairman Nedzi tomorrow is not an Intelligence Subcommittee meeting. It relates to a special operation. He closed by saying "we (the Agency) can forget about it." I thanked him for the information.

As for Mr. Blandford's talk to the Advanced Intelligence Seminar on 7 March, the title "The Way Things Are" was agreed for use on the OTR agenda.

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25X1 9. (Confidential - JGO) Talked to Fran Christy, House Judiciary Committee staff, and requested that she or Mr. Cline, Committee Counsel, contact the official objectors to avoid possible question on [redacted] when it is reached on the Consent Calendar. 25X1

10. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Representative Ella T. Grasso (D., Conn.) concerning her request for information for response to a constituent, [redacted] Conn., concerning CIA support of Air America "on taxpayers' funds." Mrs. Grasso was most cordial. She asked that we provide a suggested response for her use in replying to [redacted] 25X1 25X1

11. (Secret - JMM) Met with Representative Thomas Downing regarding an inquiry referred to the Agency which he had received from a constituent who wanted to know why the taxpayers were called on to support Air America in competition with private airlines. The constituent, a retired Navy captain was a friend of Downing's, who described him as far right in his politics but patriotic and responsible. I gave Downing the full story on Air America orally, and an unclassified paper giving the overt version. I told Downing we would leave to his good judgment whether he could safely use some of the classified information privately with his constituent with no danger of its being revealed further, but emphasized the importance of keeping the whole matter strictly "off the record." He said he was confident he could handle the matter in this way.

12. (Confidential - JMM) Met with Representative Robert L. F. Sikes (D., Fla.), a new member of the Agency Subcommittee of House Appropriations, whom I invited to visit Headquarters for a briefing at his convenience. He said he would call us as soon as he could work it into his schedule. During our conversation, he said he was particularly interested in the President's visit to China and hoped it would produce useful results. However, he said he was deeply concerned that it would be interpreted by many Asians as a loss of face for the U.S., and he would like to be kept fully informed of the reactions we detected among the various Asian peoples, including the overseas Chinese community.

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